

## **Milford Recreation Commission**

**November 18, 2015**

### **Attendees**

<b>Arene Berry</b>	<b>Heather Romeri</b>	<b>Stephanie Sweeney</b>
<b>Claudia Lemaire</b>	<b>Cheri Federico</b>	<b>Scott Hembrow</b>

### **Minutes**

### **Appointments**

*Chris Anton, Parks & Cemetery Foreman*- Equipment for the ice rink is ready but would like to know the setup date. Once the rink is setup the equipment can get delivered. Any project ideas for 2016... depending on the purchase of 127 Elm St there will be plans for Keyes and waiting on the Recreation Master Chapter for other projects to be implemented.

New metal roofs were put on the dugouts at the baseball diamond and working on repairing the backstop, and looking to rebuild the benches in the dugouts.

Baseball Diamond at Keyes will be rebuilt in Spring 2016.

Kiddie Pool at Keyes- looking into the resurfacing of the pool and there is a leak that needs to be repaired.

Large Pool- resurfacing of pool is too expensive at this time so it will just be patched up. There is a filter issue that can be fixed.

### **Director's Report**

Revolving Fund balance as of November 17<sup>th</sup>- \$34,623.98

127 Elm St Update: The building has no further action required but there is a portion of land out back that is not cleared. Earlier this month, Mayo came in to start removing soil and sent out samples for testing. All involved parties are aware of the need to close.

Rink Rental Follow-Up: Gilford rents their rink out for \$40 an hour and only after hours. The lights can be one for the reservation. The fee covers the staffing and lights, because their rink is staffed during hours as well. Amherst has been approached about renting their rink but they have not made decisions yet. Consensus seems that it's not worth renting out the Milford rinks.

2016 Field Fees: The only recommendation from Arene is to consider the idea of adding a sibling discount fee for the Swim Team.

Pool passes went down \$3,000 from 2014. It is not recommended to raise the pool pass fees.

**Claudia makes a motion to accept the 2016 fee schedule as amended to have a \$10 sibling discount for Swim Team, Cheri seconds. All in favor.**

Volunteer Recruitment Initiative: We started logging volunteer hours for 2015 and we are currently at 1,290 hours. Even though this is wonderful, there are still times we are scrambling for help. So Arene is looking to start a volunteer “committee” and launching it January 1<sup>st</sup> and pushing the New Year’s resolution of helping the community.

Ski Ticket Program: Like we sell Water Country tickets and Funtown Splashtown tickets during the summer as a fundraiser for NHRPA, we will be selling discounted ski tickets as a fundraiser for NHRPA.

### **Programs Update**

Trick or Treat on the Oval took place on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> and for a first year event it went very well. At least 100 people came during the hour and a half and a lot stayed to participate. Looking to involved businesses around the oval next year.

The Holly Jolly Family Spectacular is coming up on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. The Amherst Brass Quintet, The Amherst Town Band and West Street Beat will be performing.

A new event was put together last minute, Holiday House Decorating Competition. For Milford residents only, they can enter their homes for people to view and vote on the ones they think are most creative, most nostalgic, most captivating and the Clark Griswald award. We reached out to businesses to donate prizes for the winners. Deadline to enter a home is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Winter Festival is on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. Steph has been in contact with a woman who has a dog sled team but has had trouble reconnecting. Milford Rec will be partnering with MIT to hold a Snowball Drop, like they have done previously, but on a slightly smaller scale.

Mohegan Sun Trip ran on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> with 5 seats shy of a full bus. Cost of the bus was covered and it went very well.

Pickity Place/Ben’s Sugar Shack Trip was on Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> and we ended up having one seat left do to a cancellation. Otherwise the trip went smoothly and enjoyed by the seniors.

The NYC Trip was held on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>. This year we used a new bus company who was wonderful to work with and we were able to bring the price of the trip down \$15 (From \$65 to \$50) for patrons. It was a full bus and people very much enjoyed their day.

### **Discussion Items**

Easter Egg Hunt- Changing it up so it’s not the same thing each year when held inside. Looking into new games, adding elements to the “egg hunt” and non-profit concessions.

Upcoming Rec Commission – Casino Night is confirmed for March 5, 2016. Last year’s invoice from Hampshire Hills is provided to get an idea for the budget.

**October minutes were tabled until December.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Stephanie Sweeney

Recreation Program Coordinator